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SUBJECT:HELICOPTERS FOR BAHRAIN

REF: JIDDA 2644

1. EMBASSY CORRECT IN STATING TO MODA OFFICIALS THAT OUR CONCERNS INCLUDE PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF END-USER AND RECEIPT OF NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM THAT END-USER, I.E. THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN. THOSE ASSURANCES SHOULD STATE THAT GOB WILL NOT TRANSFER HELICOPTERS WITHOUT ADVANCE USG CONSENT. ASSURANCES SHOULD BE TO THE U.S.G. BUT MAY BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY, BY SAG, OR BY AGUSTA BELL. ASSURANCES FROM SAG ARE NOT REQUIRED AS TRANSACTION WOULD BE DIRECT TO GOB, WITH SAG FINANCING. NO SAUDI TO BAHRAIN TRANSFER WOULD HAVE TO BE PROCESSED AND QUESTION WOULD BE RESOLVED.

2. EMBASSY ALSO CORRECT IN MAKING NO COMMITMENT ON SAUDI
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DESIRE TO CONTROL SPARE PARTS AND MUNITIONS. DEPARTMENT DEFINITELY DOES NOT WISH TO BE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WHICH GOB AND SAG MIGHT CONCEIVABLY WORK OUT. WE OF COURSE ALSO WISH TO BE ABLE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH GOB IN APPROPRIATE CASES. FURTHER, WE DOUBT IF SAUDI'S COULD EFFECTIVELY CONTROL EITHER FLOW OF SPARES

FROM AGUSTA-BELL OR MUNITIONS SUCH AS SMALL ARMS
AMMUNITION OR 2.75 INCH ROCKETS, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE
FROM MANY SOURCES.

3. RE EMBASSY COMMENT PARA 5 REFTTEL, WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE
GOB TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN HAND BEFORE GIVING FINAL
CONSENT TO TRANSACTION. VANCE

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